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Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.74 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 202.0 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 14.0 million acres. An estimated 13.55 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 541 million bushels. The yield is forecast at 58.0 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels higher than 2019. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 9.40 million acres with 9.32 million acres to be harvested.

Oat production for grain is forecast at 5.68 million bushels. The expected yield is 71.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from the July forecast and 13.0 bushels higher than 2019. An estimated 80,000 acres will be harvested for grain.

Iowa hay yield for **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** is expected to be 3.50 tons per acre with a total production of 2.56 million tons, up 7% from the previous year. The projected yield for **other hay** is 2.40 tons per acre, with production at 792,000 tons, up 8% from 2019.

The forecasts in this report are based on August 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 11.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Iowa and United States: 2019 and Forecasted August 1, 2020

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
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Corn	13,050	13,550	198.0	202.0	2,583,900	2,737,100
Hay, alfalfa	700	730	3.40	3.50	2,380	2,555
Hay, other.....	320	330	2.30	2.40	736	792
Oats	69	80	58.0	71.0	4,002	5,680
Soybeans	9,120	9,320	55.0	58.0	501,600	540,560
UNITED STATES						
Corn	81,322	84,023	167.4	181.8	13,617,261	15,278,202
Hay, alfalfa	16,743	16,352	3.28	3.16	54,875	51,660
Hay, other.....	35,682	36,029	2.07	2.04	73,989	73,590
Oats	826	998	64.3	65.0	53,148	64,907
Soybeans	74,951	83,020	47.4	53.3	3,552,241	4,424,800

U.S. Corn Supply and Use ¹

CORN	2018-2019	2019-2020 (Est.)	2020-2021 Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	2,140	2,221	2,228
Production	14,340	13,617	15,278
Imports	28	45	25
Supply, total	16,509	15,883	17,531
Feed & residual	5,429	5,600	5,925
Food, seed & industrial	6,793	6,260	6,625
Domestic, total	12,222	11,860	12,550
Exports	2,066	1,795	2,225
Use, total	14,288	13,655	14,775
Ending stocks	2,221	2,228	2,756
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	3.61	3.60	3.10

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

SOYBEANS	2018-2019	2019-2020 (Est.)	2020-2021 Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	438	909	615
Production	4,428	3,552	4,425
Imports	14	15	15
Supply, total	4,880	4,476	5,055
Crushings	2,092	2,160	2,180
Exports	1,752	1,650	2,125
Seed	88	97	100
Residual	39	-46	40
Use, total	3,971	3,862	4,445
Ending stocks	909	615	610
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	8.48	8.55	8.35

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United States Summary

Corn production for grain is forecast at a record high 15.3 billion bushels, up 12% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 181.8 bushels per harvested acre, up 14.4 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 84.0 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 3% from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.42 billion bushels, up 25% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 53.3 bushels per harvested acre, up 5.9 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 83.0 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 11% from 2019.

Oat production is forecast at 64.9 million bushels, up 22% from 2019. Growers expect to harvest 998,000 acres for grain, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 21% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, the United States yield is forecast at 65.0 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast but 0.7 bushel above the 2019 average yield.